and the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes had recommended reservation in Armed Forces, Judiciary, Statutory Authorities, etc. The Commission also recommended incorporation of a penal provision in the Bill against public servants failing to implement the provisions of the Bill.

(c) Department Related parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice had considered these suggestions and has since submitted its recommendations. A Group of Ministers is considering the recommendations of the Committee and other suggestions received by the Government on this subject.

Cadre review of CSSS (Stenographers Service)

2602. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had approved the cadre review proposals of CSSS on 16th June, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof including decision on lateral entry of CSSS to CSS;

(c) whether no definite cadre strength in senior PPS and PPS Grades of CSSS has been proposed for decision by Government;

(d) if so, the reason therefor; and

(e) by what time Gazette Notifications in respect of Government decision dated 16th June, 2005 would be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and,(b) The Government has approved several propbsals in connection with the restructuring of Central Secretariat Stenographers' Service (CSSS). Important decision taken, including decision on lateral entry of CSSS to CSS are listed in the Statement-I laid on the Table of the House. (See below)

(c) and (d) Consequent upon the Government decisions, the cadre strength-of Senior PPS and PPS of CSSS have been fixed at 68 and 130 respectively. To maintain parity in the total number of posts of Senior PPS

and PPS of CSSS with that of the number of posts of Secretary/Addl. Secretary level Officers (who are provided secretarial/stenographic assistance by the members of CSSS) the Government has also decided to appropriately adjust the total number of posts of PPS through upgradation/down gradation of posts of PS/PPS.

(e) Gazette Notifications in respect of the Government decisions for amendment to the Statutory Rules would require inter-departmental consultations and procedural/administrative exercises, which is a time consuming process. However, the decisions, for operationalization of which orders have been issued, are listed in Statement-ll laid on the Table of the House.

Statement-I

Important decisions taken by the Government on Cadre Structure of the Central Secretariat Stenographers Service (CSSS)

(i) Raising the level of stenographic entitlement of Director; Deputy Secretary and Under Secretary level officers working in Ministries/ Departments;

(ii) Upgradation of 372 psots of Steno Grade 'C (PA) to Steno. Grade 'A' & 'B' (Merged) (PS) and 502 posts of Steno Grade 'D' to Steno. Grade 'C (PA) and abolition of 162 posts of Steno Grade 'D'.

(iii) Stoppage of Direct Recruitment in Steno Grade 'C (PA).

(iv) To change mode of recruitment to Steno Grade 'C (PA) by way of 50% through Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) for Steno Grade 'D' and 50% by promotion through seniority.

(v) Raising the educational qualification for Direct Recruitment to Steno. Grade 'D' to 12th standard and introducing the element of Computer literacy.

(vi) To introduce the element of computer Literacy in the LDCE for promotion to the Steno Grade 'C' ((PA) and Steno Grade 'A' & 'B' Merged (PS).

(vii) To change the mode of recruitment to Steno Grade 'A' & 'B' (Merged) by way of 66.66% by promotion through seniority and 33.33% through LDCE for Steno. Grade 'C (PA).

(viii) To discontinue the scheme of in-situ upgradations.

(ix) To provide non-functional pay scale of Rs. 8000-13500 to the Private Secretaries Steno Grade 'A' & 'B' (Merged) (PS), w.e.f. 3.10.2003 in CSSS.

(x) Creation of 10 posts of Sr. PPS (Rs. 12000-16500) and 18 posts of PPS(Rs. 10000-15200).

(xi) To centralize the Cadre Management, including posting/transfer of the CSSS personnel, with the DoP&T.

(xii) To discontinue the lateral entry of CSSS officers into CSS at the level of Under Secretary of CSS.

(xiii) To allow only those Stenographer Grade 'C who are graduates to participate in the LDCE for the Section Officer's Grade.

Statement-II

Government decisions forOperationalization of which Orders issued with regard to Cadre Review of CSSS

(i) Introduction of Non Functional scale of Rs. 8000-275-13500 to Private Secretaries (Steno Grade 'A & 'B' (Merged) of CSSS;

(ii) Fixing cadre strength of various grades of CSSS;

(iii) To discontinue the scheme of in situ upgradation in CSSS;

(iv) To change the mode of recruitment of Stenographer Grade 'A & 'B' (Merged) (PS);

(v) To change the mode of recruitment of Stenographer Grade 'C (PA);

(vi) To introduce the element of Computer Literacy in the Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) for promotion to the Steno Grade 'A&B' (Merged) (PS) and Steno Grade 'C' (PA);

(vii) Raising the minimum educational qualification for direct recruitment to Stenographer Grade 'D' to 12th standard and introducing the element of Computer Literacy;

(viii) To discontinue lateral entry of CSSS Officers into Central Secretariat Service (CSS) at the level of Under Secretary of CSS;

(ix) To allow only those Stenographer Grade 'C' who are graduates to participate in the Limited Departmental Competitive Examination for the Section Officers' Grade of CSS.

Plans for combating curruption in public life

2603. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government feel that committing itself to an international covenant under the United Nations, Government could set in motion measures to combat corruption in public life;

(b) if so, whether India would consider to be signatory to the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) of which there are already 123 countries around the world; and

(c) whether Government plan to set up any other institution for combating corruption in public life?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRISURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) The Government is fully alive to the need for eradication of corruption in public life by adopting all possible measures. The drive against corruption in public services is a continuing process. The policies formulated in this regard are modified from time to time in order to make them more effective and responsive to the changing environment.

The UN Convention against Corruption was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 31st October 2003. The Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit of the 30th instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. As on date Government has not signed the conventions.

Frequent transfer of IAS/IPS Officers in U.P.

2604. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that in some of the States like Uttar Pradesh, IAS and IPS officers are transferred frequently;